



# *Proclamation*

## **NAVAJO NATION COMMERCIAL TOBACCO-FREE DAY**

*In Observance of World Health Organization's World No Tobacco Day ~ May 31, 2011*

**Whereas**, commercial tobacco is harmful to the sacred elements of air and earth; and

**Whereas**, the use of commercial tobacco by our people harms our environment resulting in disharmony with the body and the earth; and

**Whereas**, each year approximately 440,000 people in the United States die of illness attributed to smoking; and

**Whereas**, secondhand smoke has been classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a Group A carcinogen; and

**Whereas**, an estimated 3,400 lung cancer deaths and 46,000 heart disease deaths occur annually among adult non-smokers in the United States and 202,300 episodes of childhood asthma occur annually as a result of exposure to secondhand smoke; and

**Whereas**, there are no safe levels of secondhand smoke and no available adequate ventilation technology based upon scientific studies that can ensure the protection and prevention of exposure to secondhand smoke and its health related illnesses; and

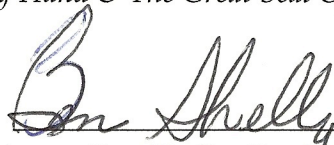
**Whereas**, our people should be respected, honored, and protected with a healthy physical and mental environment, free from abuse of commercial tobacco.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEN SHELLY**, President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 31, 2011, as **NAVAJO NATION COMMERCIAL TOBACCO-FREE DAY**.

Attest:

**SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2011**

*Witness My Hand & The Great Seal Of The Navajo Nation*

  
Ben Shelly, President  
THE NAVAJO NATION